Study Questions

1. In what ways did geography and climate affect the development of human society?
2. What were the economic and social results of the agricultural revolution?
3. What are the issues involved in using “civilization” as an organizing principle in world history?
4. What is the most common source of change: connection/diffusion or independent invention?
5. How do agricultural, pastoral and foraging societies differ? Use evidence from Africa, the Americas and Southeast Asia.
6. What was the impact of agriculture on the environment?
7. What was the importance of the introduction of bronze and iron?
8. Compare the basic features of two early civilizations? Choose two of the following: Mesopotamia, Mesoamerica, Shang, Indus
9. Compare the development of political structures in China with those in India.
10. How did social and gender structures in India differ from the Mediterranean?
11. Which regions were favored as areas of human settlement, given the technology available during the Classic period?
12. Describe the major classical period trading patterns within and among China, India, and the Mediterranean?
13. What were the scientific and technological contributions of China, India, and the Mediterranean?
14. What were the artistic contributions of China, India, and the Mediterranean?
15. What were the basic features of the major world belief systems?
   a. Polytheism
   b. Hinduism
   c. Daoism
   d. Judaism
   e. Christianity
   f. Buddhism
16. What were the main emphases and the main changes in organized religion during the Classic period?
17. What interactions among regions favored changes in human society?
18. What changes in population and culture were brought about by migrations?
19. What were the Greek approaches to science and philosophy? Explain the role of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle.
20. What led to the diffusion of the major religions?
21. Why was the collapse of empire more severe in western Europe than it was in the eastern Mediterranean or in China?

Part 2

1. Analyze the changes and continuities in the Arabic world’s acceptance of ONE of the following items between 700 and 1400. Be sure to discuss the causes of the changes as well as the reasons for the continuities.
   - Arts
   - Technology
   - Sciences

2. Describe and analyze the cultural, economic, and political impact of Islam on ONE of the following regions between 700 C.E. and 1450 C.E. Be sure to discuss the causes of the changes as well as the reasons for the continuities.

   - West Africa
3. Describe the developments and shifts in trade in ONE of the following regions between 600 and 1450 CE. Be sure to discuss the causes of the changes as well as the reasons for the continuities.

- Indian Ocean
- Trans-Saharan
- Silk Road

4. Compare and contrast the economic and political choices made during the Tang/Song Era with those made during the first century of the Ming dynasty.

5. Describe and analyze the changing political structure of China between 600 and 1450 CE. Be sure to discuss the causes of the changes as well as the reasons for the continuities.

6. Compare and contrast the economic and political effects of China on TWO of the following neighboring regions.

- Korea
- Japan
- Vietnam

7. Compare and contrast the economic and political systems of two of the following regions between 700 and 1300 CE.

- Russia
- Byzantine Empire
- Western Europe

8. Compare and contrast the Greek Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church using TWO of the following criteria:

- Religious dogma
- Role and responsibilities of clergy
- Organizational structure
- Art used in places of worship

9. Compare and contrast the social, political and economic patterns of the TWO of the following civilizations

- Mayans
- Aztecs
- Incas

10. Compare and contrast Japanese and European feudalism using TWO of the following criteria:

- Warrior class
- Architecture
- Role of king/emperor

11. Compare and contrast the impact of TWO of the following migrations:

- Bantu
- Vikings
- Aztecs

12. Compare and contrast Islam and Christianity using TWO of the following criteria:

- Dogma
- Relation to the state
- Religious prophets
- Role of women

13. Describe the developments and shifts in the role of women in TWO of the following regions between 600 and 1450 CE:

- China
- Islamic world
14. Compare and contrast the short and long-term effects of the Crusades on Western Europe and the Middle East.

15. Compare and contrast the role and function of cities in TWO of the following regions:
   - Islamic world
   - Western Europe
   - China

16. Compare and contrast European and sub-Saharan contacts with the Islamic world using TWO of the following criteria:
   - Degree of adoption of Islam
   - Military conflict
   - Economic relationship
   - Treatment of minority/indigenous religions

**Part 3**

1. Compare and contrast American slavery with one of the following coercive systems of labor - Russian serfdom or the encomienda system.

2. Describe and analyze the impact of the Columbian Exchange on one of the following regions between 1400 and 1700. Be sure to discuss the causes of the changes as well as reasons for the continuities.

3. Compare and contrast the exploration and colonization practices of the Portuguese and Spanish with one of the following:
   - French
   - British
   - Dutch

4. Describe the developments and shifts in thought in Europe between 1450 and 1750. Use two of the following cultural movements to discuss the causes of the changes as well as the reasons for the continuities.
   - Reformation
   - Renaissance
   - Enlightenment
   - Scientific Revolution

5. How did the international role of Europe change from the Post-Classical Period to the Early Modern Period?

6. Compare Russia’s interaction with the West with the interaction of two of the following:
   - Ottoman Empire
   - China
   - Tokugawa Japan
   - Mughal India

7. How does the world economic network of 1750 compare with that of 1000?

8. Compare the intellectual and artistic developments of Europe to one of the following:
   - Mughal India
   - Tokugawa Japan
   - Ming China
9. What were the demographic and environmental changes caused by the following:
   - diseases
   - animals
   - new crops
   - population trends

10. Compare the role of women under the Tokugawa Shogunate with two of the following:
    - Eastern Europe
    - Ottoman Empire
    - Ming China

11. Compare the Portuguese method of creating and maintaining empire with that of one of the following land-based empires:
    - Safavid Persia
    - Ottoman Empire
    - Mughal India